

Abstract

5 In a motor vehicle driveline including a transfer case whose
output is continually connected to a first output, a clutch, operating partially
engaged, responds to a control signal to change the degree of clutch
engagement, whereby a second output is connected driveably to the first
output. A digital computer, repetitively executing a computer readable
10 program code algorithm for operating the clutch partially engaged,
continually selects a desired magnitude of clutch engagement with reference to
functions indexed by vehicle speed and either engine throttle position or
engine throttle rate. The computer repetitively updates at frequent intervals
the desired degree of clutch engagement, and issues a command clutch duty
15 cycle to a solenoid-controlled valve, which signal changes the degree of clutch
engagement in response to the command signal.